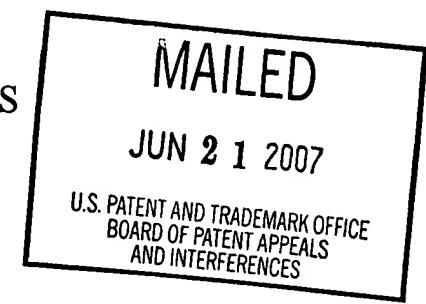


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Application 09/756,493

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) on January 9, 2007. A review at that time revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application was returned to the examiner. The matter still requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below.

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed on March 21, 2007. It is not apparent from the record that the examiner has considered the statements submitted nor notified applicant of why the submissions did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner to:

- (1) consider the Information Disclosure Statement of March 21, 2007; and
- (2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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